

23.08.165 - Residential Vacation Rentals: The development of a new structure intended for use as a Residential Vacation Rental shall comply with all standards applicable to the construction of a residence within the land use category that the Residential Vacation Rental is proposed. Rental shall not exceed one individual tenancy within seven consecutive calendar days. The use of residential property as a vacation rental within the Cambria and Cayucos urban reserve lines shall comply with the following standards:

- a. **Purpose.** The purpose of this section is to establish a set of regulations applicable to residential vacation rentals. These regulations are in addition to all other provisions of this Title. In the adoption of these standards the Board of Supervisors find that residential vacation rentals have the potential to be incompatible with surrounding residential uses, especially when several are concentrated in the same area, thereby having the potential for a deleterious effect on the adjacent full time residents. Special regulation of these uses is necessary to ensure that they will be compatible with surrounding residential uses and will not act to harm and alter the neighborhoods they are located within.
- b. **Permit requirements.** Zoning Clearance, Business License and Transient Occupancy Tax Registration for each residential vacation rental. Where water or sewage disposal is provided by a community system, evidence shall be submitted with the application for Zoning Clearance to show that the service provider(s) has been informed of the proposed use of the property as a vacation rental, and has confirmed that there is adequate service capacity available to accommodate this use.
- c. **Location.** Within all residential land use categories, no residential vacation rental shall be located within 200 linear feet of a parcel on the same block on which is located any residential vacation rental or other type of visitor-serving accommodation that is outside of the Commercial land use category. This location standard can be modified through Minor Use Permit approval when a Development Plan is not otherwise required.
- d. **Vacation rental tenancy.** Rental of a residence shall not exceed one individual tenancy within seven consecutive calendar days. No additional occupancy (with the exception of the property owner) shall occur within that seven day period. A residential vacation rental shall only be used for the purposes of occupancy as a vacation rental or as a full time occupied unit. No other use (i.e.: home occupation, temporary event, homestay) shall be allowed on the site.
- e. **Number of occupants allowed.** The maximum number of occupants allowed in an individual residential vacation rental shall not exceed the number of occupants that can be accommodated consistent with the on-site parking requirement set forth in subsection i hereof, and shall not exceed two persons per bedroom plus two additional persons. The Zoning Clearance shall specify the maximum number of occupants allowed in each individual vacation rental.

- f. **Appearance, visibility and location.** The residential vacation rental is not to change the residential character of the outside appearance of the building, either by the use of colors, materials, lighting, ; or by the construction of accessory structures or garages visible from off-site and not of the same architectural character as the residence; or by the emission of noise, glare, flashing lights, vibrations or odors not commonly experienced in residential areas.
- g. **Signs.** Availability of the rental unit to the public shall not be advertised on site.
- h. **Traffic.** Vehicles used and traffic generated by the residential vacation rental shall not exceed the type of vehicles or traffic volume normally generated by a home occupied by a full time resident in a residential neighborhood. For purposes of this section, normal residential traffic volume means up to 10 trips per day.
- i. **On-site parking required.** All parking associated with a Residential Vacation Rental shall be entirely on-site, in the garage, driveway or otherwise out of the roadway, in accordance with subsection e., above. Tenants of Residential Vacation Rentals shall not use on-street parking at any time.
- j. **Noise.** All residential vacation rentals shall comply with the standards of Section 23.06.040 et seq. (Noise Standards). No residential vacation rental is to involve on-site use of equipment requiring more than standard household electrical current at 110 or 220 volts or that produces noise, dust, odor or vibration detrimental to occupants of adjoining dwellings.
- k. **Local contact person.** *All* residential vacation rentals shall designate a local property manager. The local property manager shall be available 24 hours a day to respond to tenant and neighborhood questions or concerns. Where a property owner lives within the same community as the residential vacation rental, the property owner may designate themselves as the local contact person. All the requirements enumerated in this section shall continue to apply.
 - (1) The name, address and telephone number(s) of the local contact person shall be submitted to the Department of Planning and Building, the local Sheriff Substation, the main county Sheriff's Office, the local fire agency and supplied to the property owners within a 300 foot radius. The name, address and telephone number(s) of the local contact person shall be permanently posted in the rental unit in a prominent location(s). Any change in the local contact person's address or telephone number shall be promptly furnished to the agencies and neighboring property owners as specified in this subsection.

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- (2) If the local contact person is unavailable or fails to respond, the complaining party may contact the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff will attempt to reach the local contact person. In cases where the Sheriff was unable to reach the local contact person, the penalties as set forth in Subsection n shall apply.

- l. Transient Occupancy Tax.** Each residential vacation rental unit shall meet the regulations and standards set forth in Chapter 3.08 of the County Code, including any required payment of transient occupancy tax for each residential vacation rental unit.
- m. Effect on existing residential vacation rentals.** Each individual vacation rental in existence on the effective date of this section (September 10, 2003) shall be subject to a Zoning Clearance, Business License, Transient Occupancy Tax Registration, and all standards set forth in this Section except Subsection c. regarding location, provided evidence that the vacation rental unit was in existence prior to April 11, 2003. Zoning Clearance, Business License, and Transient Occupancy Tax Registration, shall be requested from the county within 120 days of the effective date specified above. If the Zoning Clearance, Business License, and Transient Occupancy Tax Registration, have not been requested within the time frames set forth in this section, the penalties of Chapter 23.10 (Enforcement) of this Title shall apply.
- n. Violation - vacation rental.** It is unlawful for any person to use or allow the use of property in violation of the provisions of this section. The penalties for violation of this section are set forth in Chapter 23.10 of this Title (Enforcement). Additional penalties for violation of this section may include revocation of the Zoning Clearance and Business License. If a local contact person is not able to be reached by the Sheriff more than three times in any consecutive six month period, this shall be grounds for revocation of the Business License consistent with Title 6 of the County Code.

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